



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 2, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF
A MOBILE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMAND VEHICLE, MOBILE AIR UNIT, AND
GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM MAPPING UNIT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the Fire Protection District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of a mobile public information command vehicle. The vehicle, and necessary equipment contained therein, total approximately \$400,000. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.
2. Approve the Fire Protection District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of a mobile air unit. The vehicle, and necessary equipment contained therein, total approximately \$400,000. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY

CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
CLAREMONT
COMMERCE
COVINA
CUDAHY

DIAMOND BAR
DUARTE
EL MONTE
GARDENA
GLENDALE
HAWAIIAN GARDENS
HAWTHORNE

HIDDEN HILLS
HUNTINGTON PARK
INDUSTRY
INGLEWOOD
IRVINDALE
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
LA HABRA

LA MIRADA
LA PUENTE
LAKEWOOD
LANCASTER
LAWNDALE
LOMITA
LYNWOOD

MALIBU
MAYWOOD
NORWALK
PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA

POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
WALNUT
WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

3. Approve the Fire Protection District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of a Geospatial Information System (GIS) Mapping Unit. The vehicle, and necessary equipment contained therein, total approximately \$300,000. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The acquisition of a mobile public information command vehicle would increase the District's current fleet of vehicles to provide critical logistical and technological support required by public information staff to relay critical information to the public and media during large-scale emergency incidents.

The acquisition of a mobile air unit will augment the District's existing personal protective equipment needed to function in and around the scene of large-scale Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) or Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) emergency incident.

The acquisition of a GIS Mapping Unit will augment the District's ability to provide critical mapping and technological support required on large-scale CBRNE or WMD emergency incidents.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal Number 2 for Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated cost of the mobile public information command vehicle, mobile air unit, and GIS Mapping Unit is approximately \$1,100,000. The District's 2005-06 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase as approved and funded through the Fiscal Year 2004 Urban Area Security Initiative Long Beach Grant and Fiscal Year 2004 Urban Area Security Initiative Los Angeles Grant.

Maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by, the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will provide the District's public information staff with the logistical and technological platform to effectively deliver critical information during large-scale incidents and augment the ability of District's firefighters to effectively refill SCBA personal protective equipment during large-scale CBRNE or WMD emergency incidents.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
Materials Management Division
5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief

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2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department